

Amendments

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification:

On Page 1, please add:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

This application claims priority to German application DE 199 57 397.2 filed November 29, 1999.

On Page 5, lines 7-9

The polyurethane gel is preferably produced from raw materials ~~having an~~ where the ~~product of the~~ isocyanate functionality and a the functionality of the polyol component ~~with a~~ ~~product of~~ is at least 5.2, but preferably ~~of~~ at least 6.5 or 7.5.

On Page 4, lines 7-8

Raw materials, as described in European patents EP 57838 to which U.S. 4,456,642 Burdörfer et al. is a member of the same patent family/a parallel application and EP 511570 to which U.S. 5,362,834 Schäpel et al. is a member of the same patent family/a parallel application, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference ~~may be~~ are used for producing the gels.